



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 366

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 4, 1999*

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost less than \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 366 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 366 would amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (the Royal Road of the Interior) as a National Historic Trail. The segment of the El Camino Real considered for designation extends from El Paso, Texas, to San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico, a distance of 404 miles. The bill would provide for trail administration by the Department of the Interior and would permit the department to coordinate with U.S. and Mexican public and private entities on various projects to preserve and enhance the trail.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$300,000, mostly in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, to prepare a comprehensive management plan. Also, the NPS would incur ongoing costs to administer and preserve the trail—about \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000, rising to between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by fiscal year 2002. Assuming appropriation of the necessary sums, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$1.2 million over the next five years.

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